

How it works: understanding the Thaidene Nënë Fund

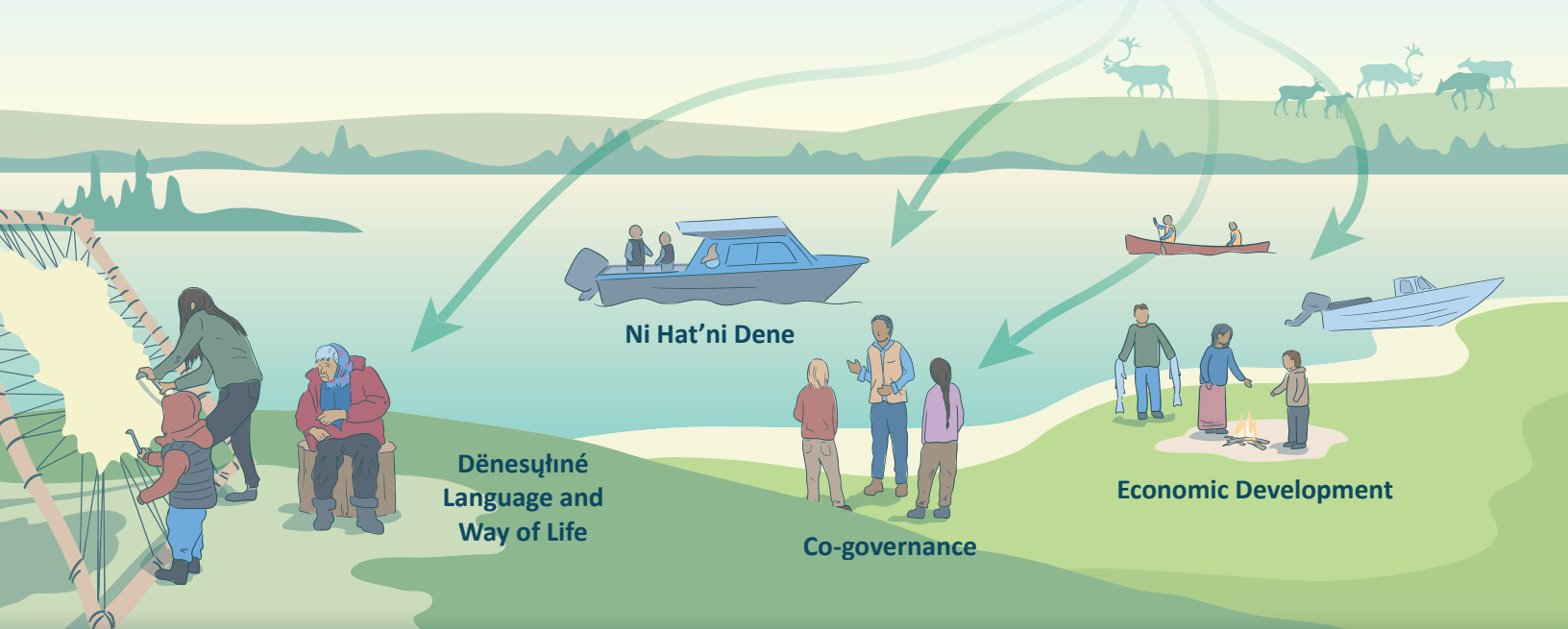
In 2019, the Łutsël K'é Dene First Nation (LKDFN), in Canada's Northwest Territories, established the Thaidene Nënë Indigenous Protected Area to protect the lands, waters, and wildlife of their homeland and the Dënesųłné way of life.

LKDFN built the TDN Fund to generate and manage their own funds to support their vision, co-governance, and operational responsibilities within Thaidene Nënë. In partnership with LKDFN, Nature United and its global affiliate raised \$15M, which was matched by the Government of Canada, to initiate the TDN Fund.



Just as the land is protected within Thaidene Nënë, the TDN Fund provides long-term protection for the initial \$30M investment and any additional investments. The fund is managed by the appointed trustees, who work with LKDFN's Chief and Council.

Every year the trustees report the fund's income to LKDFN. That income is used by LKDFN to carry out its responsibilities in protecting Thaidene Nënë, according to the strategic plan and annually approved workplans.



To learn more about the Thaidene Nënë Fund, visit www.landoftheancestors.ca.

